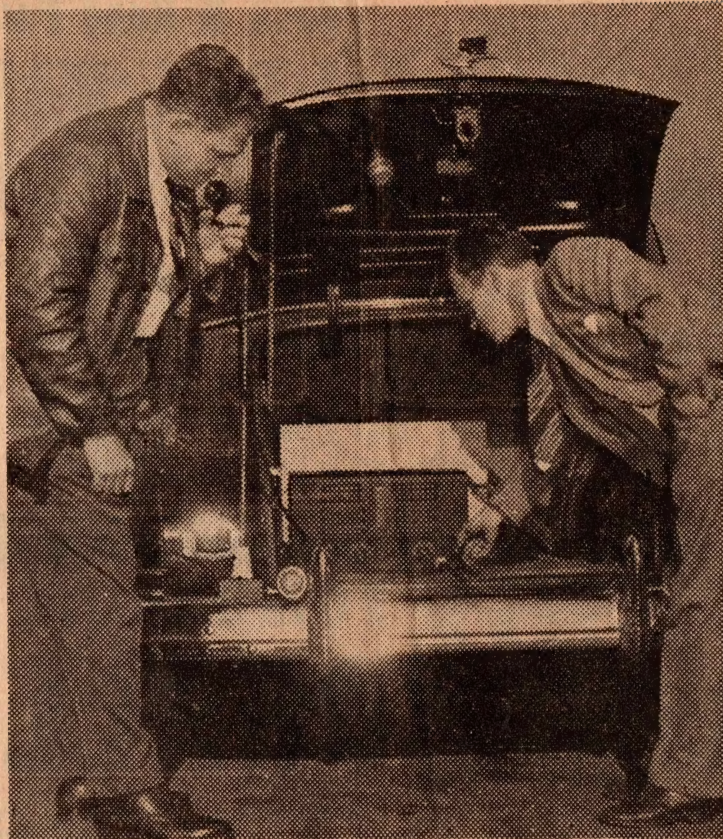


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Mt. Carmel Men Operate Radio Station in Cars



In the photo at the left Charles Rodgers (mike in hand), is seated behind the wheel of his car talking to some distant amateur radio operator over his mobile unit. Kenneth Parr is working the controls. Both men live in Mt. Carmel, Ill., and work at Electronics



Research, Inc., in Evansville. They drive back and forth each day.

In the other picture Rodgers, left, is talking into the mike while Parr is adjusting the tuning of the transmitter housed in the rear trunk of the machine.

"Ham" Operators Have Their Hobby With Them at All Time

By ED WICK

Charles Rodgers and Kenneth Parr of Mt. Carmel, Ill., are two ingenious fellows who take their hobby seriously—and also take it with them. Rodgers and Parr are radio technicians or engineers and they are also amateur radio operators—"hams" to you. They are members of an army of more than 65,000 such operators scattered around the globe.

Rodgers and Parr live in Mt. Carmel. They work at Electronics Research, Inc. here in Evansville.

Rodgers wanted to take his sons to the game but he knew he wouldn't have time to wait for the boys to get ready.

Rodgers used his mobile unit en route to contact a "ham" in Mt.

Carmel. He told him of his intentions and the "ham" in turn,

called Mrs. Rodgers by telephone and told her to have the boys ready. When Rodgers and Parr arrived in Mt. Carmel the boys were waiting on the front porch for their dad and there was no delay in getting to the Lawrenceville game in time for the tipoff.

Call Letters

There are not many portable units in the country at the present time, but the number is expected to increase. Rodgers said there are probably more of them in the Pacific coast area than in any other part of the country. He said this probably is due to

parallel to furnish power for the PE-103 dynamotor.

The transmitter is housed in the rear trunk of the car with a mike lead to the front seat. The receiving apparatus is under the dash the same as standard models in other automobiles.

Rodgers call letters for his mobile unit are W9KMI and Parr's are W9ANG. They will welcome contacts.